

Letters To The Editor

Writer Urges Congress to Liberalize Immigration Laws to Admit War Babies

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE AMERICAN LEGION.
FELLOW AMERICANS: Dr. James Fifield, pastor of First Congregational Church recently and so aptly stated in a radio address: "There are too many little men trying to do big things in little ways and too many citizens saying their prayers in Washington." Dr. Sneed, pastor of First Methodist Church recently said in a radio sermon: "We are living on our moral fat."

As a little Jackleg, Patrick Henry, Paul Revere, and Tom Payne combined and as the father of five junior citizens, including two sons (pieces of potential cannon fodder) I feel it my moral and civic duty to become a one-man battle in the war for Men's Minds.

John Lewis has at least rendered a distinguished public service in quipping that if Truman should appoint him dog-catcher he (Truman) would have more brains in the dog department than in the State Department.

It's high time we have some realistic, practical, grass roots morality and common sense in government, in foreign policy and in laws passed and to be passed by Congress.

We should fight the Cold War, not by going broke arming a lot of undependable punk patriots in foreign lands and squandering billions of American tax dollars on a world-wide W.P.A., but we should, as quickly as possible, even to the calling of an extra session of Congress, begin the enlistment in the U. S. Armed Services of one million German, Baltic Country (including Finland) and behind the Iron Curtain young men. On completion of an enlistment of at least four years in U. S. Armed Services and issuance of an honorable discharge, the "Foreign Legioner" to receive the legal status of a legal immigrant (along with his wife or any foreign woman he might subsequently decide to marry.) The same physical and mental standards now required for enlistment in the U. S. Armed Forces, to apply to foreign enlistees, plus proof that they are not communists.

The Voice of America should invite young men to desert from Iron Curtain Armed Forces and enlist in U. S. Armed Forces on above terms. As long as we operate this country as a dog-in-the-manger democracy and Pendergast Politician Bureaucracy, we deserve to do all the paying of the Anti-Communist war costs and deserve to have our sons do all the fighting and dying.

Also, in this decadent Democracy, lukewarm Christianity, Pendergast Politician Plutocracy, we have a serious shortage of babies and children for adoption by childless couples, while on the other hand we have more and more American wives, every year, dedicating their lives to sucking cigarettes, patting poodles and raising cocktails (and Hell). Congress should immediately pass a law permitting any and every American family desiring to do so, to "import" an orphan baby or child from the war-torn countries of Europe—especially Germany.

Officials of church denominations should form committees to "import" orphans from Europe for their member families. There should be no limit on the numbers of orphans imported and no "Tax-supported" Bureaucrats or screwball sociologists should have any control in the importation of orphans from War-torn countries.

If we will take these two actions, the "Voice of America" will become a moral force—instead of a moral farce.

/s/ WEAVER H. JONES



LOOK CLOSE . . . That's Leland Franz, ex secretary of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, hiding behind that facial foliage. Franz, a former resident of 1821 Middlebrook road, has been parading before movie cameras while soaking up some Arizona sunshine. He is on disability leave from the Shell Oil Company and has been spending some of his free time as movie mad man around Sedona, Arizona—setting for many horse operas. While in Torrance, Franz served as assistant district commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America.



FOR IMMIGRATION . . . The American Legion met Weaver Jones on Monday. The one-time candidate for Congress paraded on Los Angeles streets bearing a placard demanding the U. S. liberalize immigration laws to permit the adoption of Berlin-born war orphans by childless Americans. His letter, a copy of which appears in the Letters to the Editor column, was sent to all top Legion leaders. (Herald photo.)



SEEK SIGNERS . . . Members of the Campfire Girls pose with these posters to call attention to a pledge they are now circulating. The girls seek to aid national defense programs by urging citizens not to hoard. Left to right are: Marilyn Cain, Lois Simons, Beverly Stepp and Donna Stephensen. Marilyn and Donna are members of the Cheskamay group at the Carson Street School. The other girls are members of the Tuwasl group at North Torrance School. (Herald photo.)

Campfire Girls Seek Signers To Pledge Against Hoarding

During the month of October more than 150 little Camp Fire Girls in Torrance will be asking their friends and neighbors to help in the national defense program by signing an "I won't hoard" pledge.

The pledge reads, "I promise to purchase only what is necessary for the normal, every day needs of my family. I will not hoard such items as sugar, fats, nylons or canned goods."

This timely activity is part of the Camp Fire Girls' program for developing better future homemakers and citizens by giving girls, ages 7 to 18 years old, practical experience in democracy and the American way of life, explained Miss Dorothy Dawson, Camp Fire field director.

157 ENROLLED HERE . . . In Torrance there are 10 Camp Fire Girl groups to which 157 local girls belong. About 27 adult volunteers, including group leaders and committee members, give generously of their time and efforts to help make the program possible. Funds to provide professional guidance and training for the leaders, to operate camps, maintain records, to organize new groups, are provided by the annual Community Chest campaign.

The Camp Fire Girls, one of the oldest national programs for girls, was founded in 1910 by Dr. Luther Gulick and other educators, as a plan of constructive, leisure time activities for girls, "to perpetuate the spiritual ideals of the home . . . and to stimulate and aid in the formation of habits making for health and character."

BASED ON LORE

Part of the appeal of the program for youngsters is the ancient Indian lore upon which much of the program's ceremony is based. The Camp Fire symbol, the crossed logs and flame, symbolize the hearth fire and the campfire of the out of doors. The seven crafts on which the program is based are—home, out of doors, creative arts, business, frontiers (of physical science), sports, and games, and citizenship.

The younger members of the Camp Fire Girls are known as "Blue Birds," who are seven to ten years old. Senior members from 15 to 18 years old, are members of the Horizon clubs. More than 3,000,000 girls have been members since the organization was founded and have repeated the Trail Seeker's Desire—"I desire to seek the way that shall become a delight to my feet, for it will bring me to the fire of human kindness lighted by those who have gone before me on the Camp Fire Trail."



MOON BOUND . . . The students at Torrance Elementary School are reaching for the moon—and what's more, contrary to a popular conception, they'll probably make it. Now under way at the school is a contest among the students to determine which class can enroll the most members in the PTA. Each class' progress is marked by the advance of a small rocket toward the moon. Here Robert C. Morton, principal, helps Mrs. Louis Levinson, membership chairman, (on ladder) and Mrs. M. B. Millar, president of the Torrance Elementary PTA, establish the latest standings in the rocket dash for the moon. (Herald photo.)



HERESHE . . . Torrance High School Principal John Steinbaugh is tagged as an honorary member of Y-Teeners, for his contribution of a box of chocolate bars in answer to the National Y-Teen Roll Call. This week, Y-Teeners are calling the roll and asking each member to answer with a bar to be sent to Korea in time. Accepting his offering is Charlene Grace, president of the Teen-Timers. Madeline Goerke, president of the Debonaires, decorates the principal's lapel with a Hershey label.—(Herald Photo.)

Tartar Teen Talk

By MARIAN McDONALD

Hi, Tartars. Well, here it is the second month of the semester already. Didn't the first one go fast, though? Just think, only about eight and one half months left until the good old summer time, with everyone getting a tan down at Nob Hill.

But right now we have more important things happening. One of the greatest of these is the fact that A.S.B. sales reached 70 per cent of the student body. That really is wonderful. At the rally last Friday, Irwin Kasten presented a beautiful trophy to our great Freshman class, for having the biggest percentage of cards sold. The trophy was received for the class by Jerry Neely. Those freshmen certainly deserve it, as they really worked very hard. Also at the rally Donna Hatfield, president of the rally club, told about the Sportsmanship cup. Torrance has come so close to winning it these past two years that we are going to have to try extra hard this year in order to do it. So let's all follow the rules and really work for it.

The class of '51, known to us as the great and mighty Seniors, elected officers last week. They are: Glynn Boyce, president; Jim Taylor, vice president; Viola Dudley, secretary; Jim Nady, treasurer and Barbara Zachary, student council representative. With this grand group of kids for officers, the senior class is on the right track for a great year.

Members of the Torrance chapter of the Junior Statesmen of America are making plans for a busy year. A number of their group plan to attend the first regional convention of the year at Santa Barbara High School on Saturday, Oct. 21.

The group meets every Friday noon in room 206. They practice parliamentary procedure, study current affairs, and try to follow their motto, "Make Democracy Work." The Junior Statesmen are sponsored by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Y Teens have renamed themselves and are now called the "Y Debonaires." Madeline Goerke is the newly elected president of the Debs. They are having a potluck Tuesday night at the Methodist Church. They will meet at the Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon after school.

The FHA, the Future Homemakers of America, have planned a busy year. The purpose of this club is to interest girls in the importance of homemaking activities such as making clothes, preparing meals, making things to improve their rooms, and to provide good recreation. You are eligible to join the club if you have had at least one semester of high school homemaking.

The officers for this semester are Tonia Perkins, president; Lorraine Schwenk, vice president and Marlene Schooley, secretary-treasurer. The advisors are Mrs. Betty McKown, cooking teacher and Miss India Stanford, sewing teacher.

On Oct. 13 the advisors and club officers will travel to Astilomar to the state convention, where they will meet with other clubs throughout the state and take part in the election of state officers.

The Hi Y and Tri Hi Y had a joint meeting at which they planned many activities for the coming year. Neil Schwab, president of the Hi Y, presided over the meeting. Mr. Isbell from the local YMCA talked about some of these activities.

Tri Hi Y officers for the coming year are Barbara Zachary, president; Jeanette Nincevic, vice president; Elaine Rehswold, secretary; Beverly Mitchell, sergeant-at-arms; Mary Jo Schreppel, historian; Alice Lorange, chaplain and Irene Moreno, reporter. Jeanie Adams Vanneter is the past president.

Well, this is the news from around the Torrance High School campus this week, but I will be back next week with news of the latest happenings and events.

Toastmasters to Speak Up in Behalf of Chest Drive

Torrance Toastmasters, under the leadership of Dr. Allen Pyeatt, are volunteering as Red Feather speakers for the 1950-51 Community Chest campaign in Torrance.

Indoctrination sessions for all speakers in the Harbor area were completed last Monday night at a final meeting in San Pedro at which Lynn D. Mowat, general manager of the Community Chest of the Los Angeles area discussed the 1950 campaign for 155 Red Feather Services.

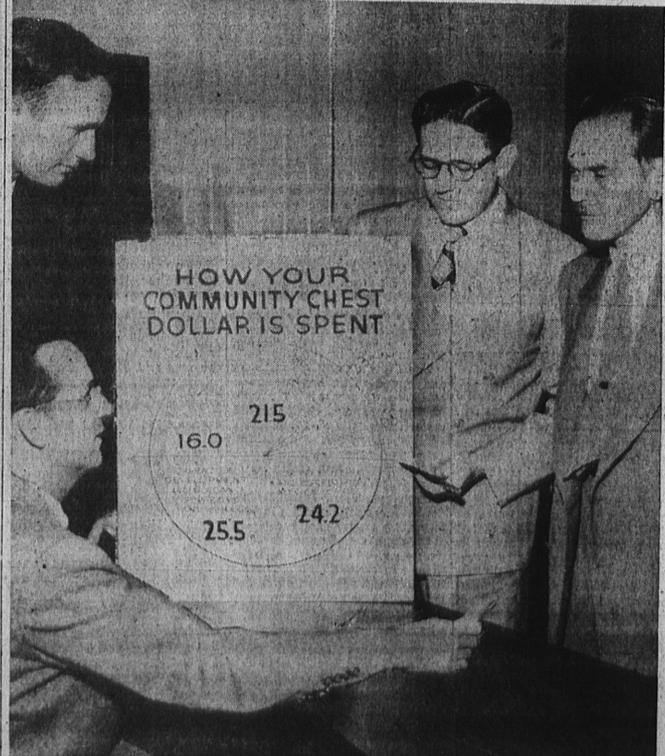
Torrance Toastmasters serving as Red Feather speakers are available to speak before all local clubs and organizations, Pyeatt said. Also available is the new 1950 Community Chest film, "Doubling Thomas," a 16 mm color, sound movie depicting a tour of a variety of Chest supported services. A speaker and the film may be booked by telephoning Dr. Pyeatt at Torrance 494.

Toastmasters who have volunteered their services as speakers are: Lester Foster, Morris Hunt, L. S. Jacobson, Gilbert Kyllingstad, G. J. Meadway, Bob Owens, Kenneth Ruffell, Harry Watkins and Dr. Pyeatt, who is serving as chairman of the Chest Speakers Bureau in Torrance.

Canneries Need Tomato Pickers

The Farm Labor Office, 16407 South New Hampshire avenue, Gardena, states there is an urgent need for cannery tomato pickers in the southeast area of Los Angeles County and in Orange County. Hundred of persons can secure work, and with a day or two practice good wages can be earned. Workers can go in groups in their own cars to the fields. There is a possibility of trucks picking up workers at certain gathering places to be transported to the fields. All persons seeking work should register at the above office.

FARM INCOME
Agriculture in the U. S. is estimated to provide a livelihood for more than 30 million people.



SPEAK UP . . . Ready to do just that in behalf of the Community Chest campaign are these members of the Torrance Toastmasters Club: (Left to right) Lester Foster, C. J. Meadway, Dr. Allen Pyeatt and Gilbert Kyllingstad.